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Operators of privately-owned bulldozers and water tenders shall be under the direct supervision of a fully trained and qualified firefighter in their immediate area at all times while engaged in suppression activities. These supervisors will establish and maintain communications with the operators at all times, by voice, audible or visual signal, or by radio.

Bulldozers: Operators of privately owned bulldozers **shall not work** on the fire line without such supervision.

Water Tenders: Operators of privately owned water tenders shall not be used in direct fire suppression on any active fire line where the fire could continue to spread, flare up, or spot over the line. Water tenders shall be positioned in areas that provide an immediate safe exit route.

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